***How They Croaked:  The Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous***

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 I know you've heard of Albert Einstein, Marie Curie and Edgar Allen Poe. You've probably heard of Einstein's Theory of Relativity, read Poe's morbid poetry, and maybe even studied Madame Curie's discovery of radium. You've learned all about their lives, but what do you know about their deaths?  In this delightfully morbid book, author Georgia Bragg tells about the extraordinary lives and sometimes gruesome deaths of 19 of history's most famous people, from King Tut to Charles Darwin. Be forewarned however, this book is not for the faint of heart. If you don't have the guts for gore (including bloodletting and cremation) do not, I repeat, DO NOT read this book. If however, you are curious to find out who dies of rabies, who was poisoned by their own experiment and who's brain was actually stolen by the pathologist performing the autopsy, please, read on...